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COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONTHE INSTALLATION OF EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT IN CIVIL AIRCRAFTEXPORTED TO THE SOVIET BLOCJune 4th and 9th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3493, 3513, 3542.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting (COCOM 3542) the United Kingdom Delegate had undertaken to give further study to various comments made by his German colleague. He invited the United Kingdom Delegate to give the further views of his authorities.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that communications sets incorporating facilities for the rapid selection of more than 50 channels were now normal equipment in any aircraft. They contained no technical know-how which was unknown to the Bloc. Since his authorities wished to avoid the necessity of submitting ad hoc cases to the Committee solely because an aircraft was fitted with this equipment they therefore maintained their amendment as far as sub-item 1501(a)(3) was concerned. They were willing to drop their proposal concerning sub-item 1501(a)(4).

3. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his authorities could accept the German proposal together with the United Kingdom amendment proposal. The reason for their decision was that they did not wish to facilitate the progress of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc, especially with regard to the development of prototypes. The Delegate went on to say that an inter-ministerial committee had recently been studying the whole question of the export of spare parts and he cited a particular problem which had come to their notice. During the 1958 revision it had been agreed to free certain aircraft from embargo and also certain equipment provided that the latter was exported as an integral part of the aircraft. The question which now arose, and which did not seem to be fully resolved by the Note to Item 1485(d)(2), was whether replacements of embargoed equipment could be supplied to a Western aircraft which broke down in the Soviet Bloc.

4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate gave his personal view that such replacement would be permissible provided that it were the exact equivalent of the original equipment sold with the aircraft.

5. The UNITED STATES Delegate, speaking personally, said that assuming that the French Delegate was referring to equipment that could have been shipped initially under the exclusion clause of sub-item 1485(d)(2), he did not think that it was the intention of the Note to restrict the subsequent export of replacements on a reasonable scale to service equipment of Western origin. The Delegate said that he would like to obtain official confirmation of this interpretation.

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6. The GERMAN Delegate said that his personal interpretation was the same as that of his United Kingdom and United States colleagues. He pointed out that such exports should be mentioned in monthly statistical returns.

7. The NETHERLANDS Delegate gave his personal opinion that the interpretation put forward by his German, United Kingdom and United States colleagues was correct. He commented that the statistical returns would give proof of the reasonable proportion of such exports.

8. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate, returning to the original question raised by the German Delegation, said that his authorities were now prepared to accept the German proposal without amendment.

9. The FRENCH Delegate stated that he also, in view of the position adopted by the United Kingdom, could accept the German proposal without amendment.

10. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear views on the official interpretation of the Note to Item 1485(d)(2) on June 9th. The Committee further agreed that the following Note should be added to Item 1460:

"NOTE: 3. The supply or installation of equipment covered by Items 1485 and 1501 in aircraft to be exported to the Soviet Bloc is prohibited unless it comes under the exceptions of Item 1485(d) and (e) and Item 1501(a) and (b)(2)."

11. On June 9th the COMMITTEE agreed that the Note to be added to Item 1560 (paragraph 10 above) would come into force on June 15th.

12. The GERMAN, UNITED KINGDOM and UNITED STATES Delegates confirmed that their authorities' interpretation of the Note to Item 1485(d)(2) was as they had stated at the previous meeting. The United States Delegate stressed the importance of reporting to the Committee in the monthly statistical returns.

13. The FRENCH Delegate expressed his thanks for this confirmation. He undertook to report any exports under the Note to Item 1485(d)(2) in his statistical returns.

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